

Domestic Relations Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana

Minutes
March 18, 2011

The Domestic Relations Committee and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee met jointly in the Board Room of the Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission from 10:30 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2011. The Domestic Relations Committee met after from 1:15 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

1. Members present. Craig J. Bobay, Thomas H. Busch, Francis G. Hill, Sheryl L. Lynch, Lynn Murray, Nanette K. Raduenz, Richard R. Stalbrink and Frederick A. Schurger, Chair Pro Tem, were present from the Domestic Relations Committee and Larry J. Ambler, Brent E. Dickson, Calvin D. Hawkins, Matthew L. Headley, Thomas K. Milligan, Edward J. Nemeth, Victoria M. Ransberger, Kim Van Valer, and Randy J. Williams were also present from the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee.
2. Staff present. Julia Orzeseke, Executive Director, Indiana Commission on Continuing Legal Education; Jeffrey Bercovitz, and Jennifer L. Weber provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Guests present. Robert Monday, PACE; Stuart Showalter, Indiana Custodial Rights Advocates, and Therin Showalter were also present.
4. Minutes approved. The minutes for the committee on February 18, 2011 were approved by the committee.
5. Parenting Coordination Rules.
 - a. Jennifer Weber distributed a draft “Indiana Rules and Commentary for Parenting Coordination” and model parenting time order for discussion purposes.
 - b. Magistrate Bobay, and Magistrate Raduenz reviewed the draft rule, commentary and model order with the joint committee. The members of the joint committee discussed the draft rule, commentary and model order and agreed to revisions by the subcommittee.
 - c. The joint committee members agreed to hold another joint meeting on Friday, May 20 to consider revisions based on public comments about the draft rule, commentary and model order.
6. Parenting Time Guidelines revisions.
 - a. Members of the committee reviewed and revised proposed changes in commentary by Magistrate Hill and Judge Busch on the presence of both parents at the exchange of a child and parenting time when distance is a factor.
 - b. Committee members discussed additional commentary about high conflict and domestic violence cases.
7. Education.
 - a. Committee members discussed ideas for advanced issues in child support for the Spring Judicial College session on April 27.
 - b. Jeffrey Bercovitz reported the deadline for sessions at the AFCC conference in October is April 15. They discussed parenting coordination, parenting time guidelines, child support guidelines and how to administer emergencies in family law cases.

8. Recent legislation. Jeffrey Bercovitz distributed HB 1422 passed, which would inform a parent if a criminal investigation is pending involving their child. If it passes, the parenting time guidelines should require a parent to notify the other parent if they receive the report of a criminal investigation.

9. Future meeting dates. Committee members agreed to meet again on Friday, May 20 as joint meeting with the ADR Committee, July 15, August 19, and November 18, 2011 from 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Judicial Center. They also agreed to meet in conjunction with the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Regional Meeting in Indianapolis on Oct. 27-29, 2011 in Indianapolis.

Respectfully submitted,

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